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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill contains policy and finance provisions to improve criminal offender reintegration into society upon release from incarceration.

#### Section

#### **1 County Jail Re-entry Projects.**

**Subdivision 1. Purpose.** To assist offenders who have mental illness, brain injury, chemical dependency or housing problems upon release from local jails.

**Subd. 2. Grants.** Directs the commissioner of corrections, in consultation with the commissioner of human services, to award grants to county boards for two-year offender re-entry pilot projects that target offenders with the problems listed in subdivision 1. Requires projects to have county agencies collaborate to provide a variety of suggested services.

**Subd. 3. Applications.** Sets forth minimum application content requirements.

#### **2 Appropriations.** Paragraph (a): Appropriates an unspecified amount to the commissioner of corrections to fund the grant program established in section 1.

Paragraph (b): Appropriates an unspecified amount to the commissioner of human services to fund discharge planning for offenders who have serious and persistent mental illness.